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MISCELLANEOUS.

Railway Traffic, Casualties, and Legislation.

FROM the Parliamentary Returns it appears that the total number of persons of every description killed and injured on all the passenger railways open for traffic in Great Britain and Ireland during the half-year ending 30th June, 1850, amounted to 93 killed and 68 injured, and that they may be classed as follows:—

Three passengers killed and 33 injured from causes beyond their own control, 7 passengers killed and 3 injured owing to their own misconduct or want of caution, 25 servants of companies or of contractors killed and 17 injured from causes beyond their own control, 29 servants of companies or of contractors killed and 10 injured owing to their own misconduct or want of caution, 26 trespassers and other persons, neither passengers nor servants of the company, killed and 5 injured by crossing or walking on the railway, and 3 suicides.

The number of passengers conveyed during the half-year amounted to 31,766,503.

The length of railway open on the 31st December, 1849, was 6,032 miles, and on the 30th June, 1850, 6,308 miles; showing an increase during the half-year of 276 miles.

The following is a comparative statement of traffic upon all the railways in the United Kingdom during the half-year ending 30th June, 1850, and during the corresponding period in the previous year:—

	Periods to which this statement refers.					
	Half-Year ending 30th June, 1849.			Half-Year ending 30th June, 1850.		
	Number of Passengers.			Number of Passengers.		
1st Class	3,335,088			3,777,005		
2nd Class	11,200,901			11,905,919		
3rd Class	7,194,344			7,055,181½		
Parliamentary Class	6,981,834			9,028,397½		
Mixed	55,700			....		
Total	28,767,867			31,766,503		
Length in miles over which the traffic was conveyed, open at commencement of each period	5,127			6,032		
Do. do., open at termination of each period	5,447			6,308		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts from Passengers	886,129	8	0	927,608	7	9¾
Do. do.	1,142,119	13	4	1,205,968	14	7¾
Do. do.	330,503	0	9½	307,317	5	2¼
Do. do.	462,713	17	3¾	569,462	18	1
Do. do.	1,207	16	1	....		
Total	2,822,673	16	1	3,010,357	5	8½
Do. from Goods, Cattle, Parcels, Mails, &c.	2,633,263	1	3¼	3,046,933	12	8½
Total Receipts	5,455,936	16	9¾	6,057,290	18	4¾

The amount paid by the Post Office to the railway companies for the conveyance of mails during the year 1848 was 318,584*l.*, and during 1849 253,585*l.*; and for other services 82*l.* for each year.

The capital authorized to be raised during the session of 1850 amounted on shares to 1,920,000*l.*, and on loan to 2,195,632*l.*; and the reduction in the amount of capital authorized previous to 1850 amounted on shares to 646,700*l.*, and on loans to 214,900*l.*, making the total increase of capital 1,273,300*l.*, and of loans 1,980,732*l.*; together 3,254,032*l.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Second Ordinary Meeting, Session 1850-51. *Monday,* 16*th Dec.*, 1850.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Sykes, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Fellows:—

James Knight, Esq.	Alfred Gibson, Esq.
Rawson Reid, Esq.	C. Douglas Singer, Esq.

The following Paper was read:—

On the Quantity of Gold and Silver supposed to have passed from America to Europe since the discovery of the former country (1492) to the present time (1848). By J. Towne Danson, Esq.

Third Ordinary Meeting, 1850-51. *Monday* 20*th Jan.*, 1851.

Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Sykes, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Trelawny W. Saunders, Esq., was elected a Fellow.

Mr. Fletcher read a Paper on the Vital Statistics of Scotland. By Dr. James Stark.

THE MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS,

REGISTERED IN THE DIVISIONS, COUNTIES, AND DISTRICTS OF ENGLAND,

For the Quarter ended 30*th September,* 1850,

AS PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS Return comprises the Births and Deaths registered by 2,189 Registrars in all the districts of England during the Summer quarter ending September 30th, 1850; and the Marriages in more than 12,000 churches or chapels, 2,869 registered places of worship unconnected with the Established Church, and 623 Superintendent Registrars' Offices, in the quarter that ended June 30th, 1850. The Return of marriages is not complete; but the numbers wanting are inconsiderable, and have been supplied from the Returns of previous years.

The general result of the return is favourable in a high degree: the marriages in the Spring quarter are more numerous than in any corresponding quarter of the last 12 years; so also are the births in the Summer quarter; and the deaths are 86,044 instead of 135,358, which they were in the quarter ending September, 1849, when cholera ravaged the chief towns of the kingdom. The decrease of deaths implies, necessarily, the decrease of sickness and suffering; the increase of marriages and births indicates improvement in the condition and prospects of the great body of the people.

The marriages in all England in the quarter ending June 30th, 1850, were 39,018. The numbers in the Spring quarter declined rapidly from 1846 to 1848, and rose still more rapidly up to 1850; thus following and portraying the state of the country.

The births are invariably more numerous in the first and second than in the third and fourth quarters of the year; and they are in the last fewer by 8,757 than in the previous (June) quarter; the number and the proportion to the population are, however, greater in this than in any of the corresponding quarters since 1839. The increase of births is greatest in London, in the West-Midland Counties, and in the North-Western Counties—Cheshire and Lancashire.

The excess of births registered over deaths in the quarter was 60,926; which, if all the births, were registered would be the natural increase of the population. In the same time 53,703 emigrants sailed from three ports of England; 1,394 from Plymouth, 7,684 from London, and 44,625 from Liverpool. This leaves a narrow margin for the increase of population; but many of the emigrants entered at the English ports are from Ireland, which has been for many years diffusing a stream of natives over England as well as America. The progress of the whole fixed and moving population of the country can only be determined accurately from a comparison of the returns of births and deaths, of emigrants and immigrants, with periodical enumerations.

The mortality is much below the average; and the public health has never been so good since 1845 as in the present quarter. The rate of mortality is 1·901 per cent. per annum. At this rate 1 in 211 persons living died in three months. The chances of living through this quarter were 210 to 1; the average chances of living through three summer months (1839-50), for persons of all ages, being 192 to 1.

In London 26 deaths from poison, 26 from burns and scalds, 53 from hanging and suffocation, 94 from drowning, 137 from fractures and contusions, 19 from wounds, and 19 from other violence were registered. The increase in the deaths from hanging, strangling, and suffocation is considerable. The increase in the deaths by poison also deserves attention. Some alteration of the law to regulate the sale of poisons seems to be required. Arsenic is tasteless in food; it is inevitably fatal; it can be detected in the body after death; and it can be procured by any person in shops almost as readily as sugar. The placing of the sale of a commodity under restrictions is attended with difficulties; but to nip in its bud the practice of domestic murder by the administration of a tasteless poison is worth the effort, and will count against much inconvenience.

The deaths in the workhouses, hospitals, and other public institutions were, 2,407, 1,953, and 1,719, in the three quarters of the year 1850: and of the 6,079, 3,498 were males, and 2,581 females. One in six deaths of the inhabitants of London took place in public institutions during the three quarters.

Marriages Registered in the Quarters ending June 30th, 1846-50; *Births and Deaths Registered in the Quarters ending September 30th,* 1846-50, *in the Divisions, Counties, and Districts of England.*

Population.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.
	Registered in the Quarter ending the last Day of		
	June,	September,	September,
	1846..... 37,111	1846..... 138,718	1846..... 101,663
1831..... 13,896,797	1847..... 35,197	1847..... 127,173	1847..... 93,435
	1848..... 34,721	1848..... 140,359	1848..... 87,636
1841..... 15,914,148	1849..... 35,908	1849..... 135,200	1849..... 135,364
Military 29,846	1850..... 39,018	1850..... 146,970	1850..... 86,044

MORTALITY OF THE METROPOLIS.

A Table of the Mortality in the Metropolis, showing the Number of Deaths from all Causes, in the Quarters ending September of the Four Years, 1847–48–49–50.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Quarters ending Sept.* 1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.
ALL CAUSES	13,187	13,503	27,109	11,578
SPECIFIED CAUSES	13,158	13,450	27,050	11,520
I. Zymotic Diseases	4,102	5,162	17,763	3,011
SPORADIC DISEASES.				
II. Dropsy, Cancer, and other Diseases of uncertain or variable Seat	548	524	540	574
III. Tubercular Diseases	2,370	2,221	2,266	2,183
IV. Diseases of the Brain, Spinal Marrow, Nerves, and Senses	1,416	1,369	1,531	1,372
V. Diseases of the Heart and Blood-Vessels	369	377	455	424
VI. Diseases of the Lungs and of the other Organs of Respiration	1,021	973	1,211	1,032
VII. Diseases of the Stomach, Liver, and other Organs of Digestion	969	858	861	748
VIII. Diseases of the Kidneys, &c.	122	143	143	166
IX. Childbirth, Diseases of the Uterus, &c.	146	103	118	116
X. Rheumatism, Diseases of the Bones, Joints, &c.	109	75	84	100
XI. Diseases of the Skin, Cellular Tissue, &c	23	27	15	16
XII. Malformations	54	44	49	43
XIII. Premature Birth & Debility	298	254	364	370
XIV. Atrophy	481	339	458	361
XV. Age	540	399	558	439
XVI. Sudden†	126	111	184	115
XVII. Violence, Privation, Cold, and Intemperance	464	471	450	450
I. Small Pox	320	435	78	109
Measles	521	154	274	178
Scarlatina	316	1,560	386	316
Hooping Cough	238	340	428	300
Croup	62	63	76	57
Thrush	82	77	67	59
Diarrhœa	1,196	1,048	2,457	1,161
Dysentery	143	171	208	73
Cholera	98	153	12,847	87
Influenza	6	7	9	9
Purpura and Scurvy	22	13	13	9
Ague	6	8	6	7
Remittent Fever	23	18	24	17
Infantile Fever‡	10	8	15	8
Typhus	895	882	710	474
Metria, or Puerperal Fever, see Childbirth	..	52	33	33
Rheumatic Fever, see Rheumatism	..	15	13	16
Erysipelas	126	128	99	65
Syphilis	29	25	17	33
Noma or Canker, see Mortification	9	5	3	..
Hydrophobia	..	..	..	..
II. Hæmorrhage	42	54	56	60
Dropsy	205	193	203	191
Abscess	31	21	22	17
Ulcer	20	15	12	15
Fistula	2	3	5	4
Mortification	41	39	33	39
Cancer	197	189	200	238
Gout	10	10	9	10

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Quarters ending Sept.* 1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.
III. Scrofula	68	86	85	80
Tabes Mesenterica	306	250	282	238
Phthisis or Consumption	1,581	1,534	1,506	1,508
Hydrocephalus	415	351	393	357
IV. Cephalitis	131	125	134	131
Apoplexy	276	282	282	281
Paralysis	226	213	248	245
Delirium Tremens	29	33	61	55
Chorea	1	3	..	1
Epilepsy	70	70	101	68
Tetanus	4	3	7	4
Insanity	27	16	20	20
Convulsions	521	466	512	422
Disease of Brain, &c.	131	158	166	145
V. Pericarditis	20	30	22	25
Aneurism	18	19	19	20
Disease of Heart	331	328	414	379
VI. Laryngitis	28	36	33	43
Bronchitis	330	357	422	380
Pleurisy	35	22	30	24
Pneumonia	409	388	587	439
Asthma	96	64	62	83
Disease of Lungs, &c	123	106	77	63
VII. Teething	163	117	153	121
Quinsey	16	14	20	15
Gastritis	24	24	22	32
Enteritis	190	166	135	106
Peritonitis	57	62	48	57
Ascites	21	31	29	35
Ulceration (of Intestines, &c.)	41	30	31	28
Hernia	28	25	28	21
Ileus	45	38	40	33
Intussusception	18	17	15	8
Stricture of the Intestinal Canal	7	9	6	13
Dis. of Stomach, &c.	102	75	78	53
Disease of Pancreas	1	..	..	1
Hepatitis	56	63	57	47
Jaundice	41	40	41	52
Disease of Liver	158	144	156	125
Disease of Spleen	1	3	2	1
VIII. Nephritis	5	7	7	10
Nephria (or Bright's Disease)	..	39	30	33
Ischuria	2	3	4	3
Diabetes	9	7	8	9
Stone	7	9	8	6
Cystitis	10	8	10	8
Stricture of Urethra	8	12	12	16
Dis. of Kidneys, &c.	81	58	64	81
IX. Paramenia	6	..	2	2
Ovarian Dropsy	3	12	14	20
Childbirth, see Metria	91	57	61	57
Dis. of Uterus, &c.	46	34	41	37
X. Arthritis	3	..	3	1
Rheumatism	45	45	44	53
Disease of Joints, &c.	61	30	37	46
XI. Carbuncle	3	6	2	9
Phlegmon	7	8	7	3
Disease of Skin, &c.	13	13	6	4
XVII. Intemperance	23	15	15	16
Privation	16	2	12	2
Want of Breast Milk, see Privation & Atrophy	..	59	69	57
Neglect	..	4	3	1
Cold, see Privation	..	..	1	..
Poison	425	15	20	26
Burns and Scalds		31	32	26
Hanging, &c.		36	35	53
Drowning		116	96	94
Fractures and Contusions		156	131	137
Wounds		26	18	19
Other Violence		11	18	19
Causes not specified	29	53	59	58

* The mortality of the districts of Lewisham and Hampstead was included in the Metropolitan returns at the commencement of 1847, for the first time. Therefore the deaths for the previous year are not contained in the above table. In the quarter ending September, 1846, they were 192.

† Under the head of "sudden deaths," are classed not only deaths described as sudden, of which the cause has not been ascertained or stated; but also all deaths returned by the Coroner in vague terms, such as "found dead," "natural causes," &c., &c.

‡ In the years previous to 1848, "Worms" and "Infantile Fever" were classed together. The former, of very rare occurrence, is now placed to diseases of stomach, &c.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE for the Quarter ending September 30, 1850.

NAMES OF THE PLACES.	Mean Pressure of Dry Air reduced to the level of the Sea.	Mean Temperature of the Air.	Highest Reading of the Thermometer.	Lowest Reading of the Thermometer.	Mean Daily Range of Temperature.	Mean Monthly Range	Range of Temperature in the Quarter.	Mean Temperature of the Dew Point.	WIND. Mean estimated Strength.	WIND. General Direction.	Mean Amount of Cloud.	RAIN. Number of Days on which it fell.	RAIN. Amount collected.	Mean Weight of Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air.	Mean additional weight required to saturate a cubic Foot of Air.	Mean Degree of Humidity.	Mean whole Amount of Water in a Vertical Column of Atmosphere.	Mean Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air.	Height of Cistern of the Barometer above the level of the Sea.
	In.	°	°	°	°	°	°	°					In.	Gr.	Gr.		In.	Gr.	Feet.
Jersey	29·652	60·0	81·0	48·0	14·4	30·7	33·0	54·5	1·7	S.W. & N.W.	4·8	36	6·4	4·9	1·5	0·822	6·0	529	84
Guernsey	29·599	60·1	75·5	51·5	8·9	19·2	24·0	56·2	1·7	W. & E.	4·9	36	8·8	5·2	0·6	0·898	6·4	528	123
Helston	29·614	58·7	80·0	40·0	15·3	35·3	40·0	54·6	1·4	S.W. & N.W.	5·8	37	7·8	4·9	0·9	0·839	6·0	528	106
Falmouth	..	59·1	78·0	40·0	18·5	33·3	38·0	..	1·4	N.	6·6	33	10·8	..	..	..	..	..	120
Truro	29·694	58·5	77·0	39·0	14·8	34·3	38·0	53·7	1·0	N.	5·9	41	4·8	4·8	1·0	0·834	5·9	530	55
Torquay	..	60·5	77·0	47·0	12·2	24·3	30·0	52·8	2·3	N.	..	29	8·0	4·7	1·3	0·780	5·7	..	160
Exeter	29·600	59·1	81·6	40·7	15·8	35·7	40·9	53·1	1·7	W.	3·7	36	8·1	4·7	1·2	0·804	5·9	529	140
Uckfield	29·598	59·5	89·0	34·0	22·3	45·3	55·0	51·8	..	W.	..	35	7·4	4·5	1·5	0·747	5·5	528	180
Southampton	29·589	59·7	81·0	36·0	17·0	35·9	45·0	..	0·3	..	6·1	33	9·1	..	..	..	6·3	..	55
Royal Observatory Greenwich	29·609	59·6	87·0	39·0	18·6	38·0	48·0	52·2	..	N.E. & S.W.	..	39	6·1	4·6	1·2	0·788	5·6	527	159
Maidenstone Hill, Greenwich	29·608	58·5	84·3	39·6	14·6	35·9	44·7	54·8	..	N.E. & S.W.	6·8	33	5·7	5·0	0·7	0·872	6·1	529	107
St. John's Wood	29·649	57·5	83·0	38·0	16·0	37·0	45·0	49·6	..	..	..	46	5·6	4·1	1·2	0·779	5·1	530	150
Chiswell Street, London	..	61·2	80·0	46·0	21·4	27·3	34·0	51·5	..	..	..	37	5·9	4·5	1·8	0·716	5·5	527	..
Aylesbury	29·650	59·2	86·0	32·0	24·2	46·4	54·0	51·1	0·7	S.	6·5	37	7·5	4·4	1·4	0·765	5·4	525	284
Stowe Observatory	29·600	57·8	85·5	33·0	19·9	42·0	52·5	50·7	..	S.W.	5·6	46	5·8	4·3	1·2	0·784	5·4	523	310
Hartwell House (nr. Aylesbury)	29·580	58·6	88·0	32·0	23·4	46·0	56·0	52·6	0·9	N.N.W.	..	32	6·1	4·6	1·0	0·817	5·3	525	250
Hartwell Rectory	29·602	57·1	81·5	33·5	17·2	39·6	48·0	49·6	0·6	N.W. & S.W.	5·8	39	6·9	4·2	1·3	0·771	5·1	526	290
Linslade, Bucks	..	57·3	85·5	35·0	19·3	40·5	50·5	..	..	S.W.	..	43	7·0	..	..	..	..	..	313
Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford	29·638	57·2	79·6	35·1	15·8	35·6	44·5	51·5	1·9	N.E. & S.W.	7·2	38	8·0	4·5	1·0	0·813	5·5	528	210
Rose Hill, Oxford	..	..	84·5	36·5	..	36·9	48·0	..	..	..	..	36	7·8	..	..	..	..	..	270
Cardington (near Bedford)	29·604	58·0	83·5	35·0	19·6	40·9	48·5	52·4	0·6	Var.	7·1	38	6·6	4·6	1·1	0·806	5·7	529	100
Norwich	29·536	57·8	81·0	41·0	16·8	34·0	40·0	52·8	..	S.W. & N.W.	6·9	43	10·2	4·7	0·9	0·838	5·7	530	23
Leicester Museum	29·538	56·8	79·0	38·0	14·4	32·6	41·0	50·0	1·3	W.	7·5	31	6·1	4·3	1·1	0·791	5·2	527	175
Holkham	29·610	57·1	80·8	37·5	14·6	36·6	43·3	51·3	1·1	N.W.	6·4	47	9·2	4·4	1·0	0·821	5·4	531	39
Highfield House, Notts.	29·557	57·3	87·3	33·0	21·6	45·2	54·3	53·1	0·4	Var.	6·5	47	7·1	4·7	0·7	0·865	5·8	529	103
Derby	29·586	56·5	82·0	..	..	..	..	52·8	..	S.E.	..	43	6·9	4·7	0·8	0·856	5·7	530	..
Hawarden	29·649	56·5	81·5	39·5	12·7	28·0	42·0	48·8	1·7	N.W.	7·0	44	7·7	4·1	1·3	0·763	5·0	528	260
Liverpool Observatory	29·592	58·1	80·9	46·3	10·2	24·9	34·6	53·0	1·3	N.W.	7·6	43	7·8	4·7	0·9	0·837	5·7	530	37
Wakefield Prison	29·585	55·6	83·0	31·0	21·4	44·2	52·0	52·2	2·0	W.	6·7	48	6·7	..	..	..	..	..	115
Stonyhurst Observatory	29·629	54·9	77·6	35·2	..	..	42·4	50·0	1·3	E. to W.	6·8	49	12·3	4·3	0·8	0·818	5·2	527	381
York	29·612	55·7	78·0	35·0	14·5	36·0	43·0	50·9	..	Var.	..	38	6·4	4·3	0·9	0·833	5·3	530	50
Whitehaven	29·547	56·4	84·0	39·5	12·8	31·2	44·5	53·6	3·1	N.W.	..	43	12·5	4·6	0·6	0·880	5·5	532	80
Durham	29·596	53·9	76·8	34·8	14·8	34·3	42·0	49·4	0·8	S. & W.	6·3	44	6·3	4·2	0·8	0·828	5·1	528	340
Newcastle	..	55·5	76·0	37·0	14·8	33·0	39·0	51·6	..	S.W. & E.	..	30	..	4·5	0·7	0·870	5·5	532	..
North Shields	29·668	53·5	70·4	36·8	11·1	30·0	33·6	50·8	2·8	N.E. & S.W.	3·4	50	6·6	4·4	0·4	0·927	5·3	535	124
Glasgow	29·555	55·8	79·9	39·0	14·7	33·2	40·9	49·8	..	..	..	..	8·0	4·2	1·0	0·810	5·2	530	121
Dunino	..	56·3	81·0	37·0	20·0	39·0	44·0	49·1	1·9	Var.	3·8	31	6·2	4·4	1·2	0·792	5·0	..	250

The mean of the numbers in the first column is 29·605 inches, and it represents that portion of the reading of the barometer due to the pressure of air; the remaining portion, or that due to the pressure of water, is 0·397 inch; the sum of those two numbers is 30·002 inches, and it represents the mean reading of the barometer, for the quarter ending September 30, 1850.

REVENUE.

Abstract of the Net Produce of the Revenue of Great Britain in the Years and Quarters ending 5th January, 1850 *and* 1851; *showing the Increase or Decrease thereof.*—(*Continued from page* 373, vol. xiii.)

Sources of Revenue.	Years ending 5th January.			
	1850.	1851.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs	18,695,798	18,614,880	....	80,918
Excise	12,753,815	13,003,961	250,146	....
Stamps	6,365,475	6,095,641	....	269,834
Taxes	4,303,849	4,360,178	56,329	....
Property Tax	5,408,159	5,383,037	....	25,122
Post Office	806,000	820,000	14,000	....
Crown Lands	160,000	160,000	....	....
Miscellaneous	249,242	178,552	....	70,690
Total Ordinary Revenue	48,742,338	48,616,249	320,475	446,564
China Money	....	....	....	....
Imprest and other Moneys	559,457	691,447	131,990	....
Repayments of Advances	549,597	708,618	159,021	....
Total Income	49,851,392	50,016,314	611,486	446,564
Deduct Decrease			446,564	
Increase on the Year			164,922	

Sources of Revenue.	Quarters ending 5th January.			
	1850.	1851.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs	4,720,630	4,596,705	....	123,925
Excise	3,625,061	3,715,920	90,859	....
Stamps	1,509,860	1,459,721	....	50,139
Taxes	1,897,961	1,923,053	25,092	....
Property Tax	449,394	418,730	....	30,664
Post Office	152,000	152,000	....	....
Crown Lands	60,000	60,000	....	....
Miscellaneous	58,408	20,391	....	38,017
Total Ordinary Revenue	12,473,314	12,346,520	115,951	112,745
China Money	....	....	....	....
Imprest and other Moneys	125,087	132,246	7,159	....
Repayments of Advances	124,909	135,116	10,207	....
Total Income	12,723,310	12,613,882	133,317	242,745
Deduct Increase				133,317
Decrease on the Quarter				109,428

Consolidated Fund Operations.—The total income brought to this account in the quarter ending 5th January, 1851, was 12,625,016*l.* The total charge upon it was 8,117,865*l.*, leaving a surplus of 4,507,151*l.*

The surplus Revenue, after providing for the charges on the Consolidated Fund, and for the re-payment of Supply Services in the quarter ending 5th January, 1851, was 1,012,817*l.*

CORN.

Average Prices of Corn per Imperial Quarter in England and Wales, during each Week of the Fourth Quarter of 1850; *together with the Average Prices for the whole Quarter.*—(*Continued from p.* 374, vol. xiii.)

Returns received at the Corn Office, Board of Trade.	Wheat.		Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.
	Weekly Average	Aggregate Average of Six Weeks' regulating Duty.	Weekly Average	Weekly Average	Weekly Average	Weekly Average	Weekly Average
Weeks ending, 1850.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
October 5	42 2	42 10	24 5	16 8	26 7	29 6	31 3
12	42 5	42 5	24 2	17 1	25 8	29 6	29 7
19	39 10	41 10	24 2	16 7	26 7	29 7	29 5
26	39 9	41 4	24 0	16 8	25 1	28 10	30 6
November 2	40 2	40 11	24 1	17 3	23 6	29 1	29 2
9	40 5	40 7	24 4	17 0	26 7	29 0	29 11
16	39 11	40 2	24 1	17 2	24 2	28 9	29 0
23	39 11	40 0	24 1	17 3	29 6	28 9	29 4
30	40 3	40 1	24 6	17 1	23 6	28 5	29 2
December 7	40 2	40 2	24 7	17 7	24 3	28 9	29 0
14	39 9	40 1	24 3	17 1	25 11	27 11	29 5
21	39 5	39 11	23 10	17 1	23 1	27 8	28 2
28	38 10	39 9	23 5	16 6	22 8	27 5	28 1
Average for the Quarter	40 2	..	24 1	17 0	25 1	28 8	29 4

Foreign and Colonial Wheat and Wheat-Flour imported in each of the Months ending 10*th October*, 5*th November, and* 5*th December*, 1850; *the Quantities Entered for Home Consumption during the same Months; and the Quantities remaining in Warehouse at the close of them.*—(*Continued from p.* 374, vol. xiii.)

[From the "London Gazette."]

WHEAT.

Months ending.	Imported.			Quantities entered for Home Consumption.			In Bond at the Month's end.		
	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.
1850.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.
10th Oct.	449,062	1,595	450,657	451,022	1,595	452,617	11,642	9	11,651
5th Nov.	307,830	1,332	309,162	307,848	1,333	309,181	11,423	9	11,432
5th Dec.	315,675	3,908	319,583	316,227	3,909	320,136	10,693	9	10,702

WHEAT-FLOUR.

Months ending.	Imported.			Quantities entered for Home Consumption.			In Bond at the Month's end.		
	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.	Foreign.	Colonial.	Total.
1850.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.	cwts.
10th Oct.	474,337	37,500	511,837	474,844	37,500	512,344	3,956	10	3,966
5th Nov.	521,674	74,160	595,834	521,674	74,160	595,834	2,958	11	2,969
5th Dec.	416,346	70,969	487,315	416,365	70,969	487,334	2,939	11	2,950

Fluctuation in the Stock and Share Market during the Year 1850.—(*Continued from p.* 375, vol. xiii.)

Stock and Shares.	Amount of Share.	Amount Paid.	Price on the 1st January, 1850.	Price on the 1st January, 1851.	Highest Price during the Year.	Lowest Price during the Year.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
Consuls	...	...	96½	96⅓	97¾	94⅜
Exchequer Bills	...	...	60*s.* Pm.	58*s.* Pm.	71*s.* Pm.	54*s.* Pm.
RAILWAYS—						
Brighton	Stock	100 0 0	79	87	88	75½
Caledonian	50 0 0	50 0 0	10¾	10¼	12¾	6¾
Eastern Counties	20 0 0	20 0 0	6⅞	6⅜	7¾	5¾
Great Northern	25 0 0	24 0 0	12½	17⅝	18⅞	8
Great Western	100 0 0	100 0 0	58	77¾	80	46
London and North Western	Stock	100 0 0	111	123½	123½	99½
Midland	Stock	100 0 0	44½	47	50¼	30¼
North Staffordshire	20 0 0	17 10 0	7½	9	10⅛	5¾
South Eastern	33 2 4	33 2 4	18¾	22¾	24⅛	12⅞
South Western	Stock	100 0 0	60½	77½	80¾	54¼
York, Newcastle, and Berwick	Stock	25 0 0	16¾	18¾	19⅝	10⅞
York and North Midland	50 0 0	50 0 0	17¾	22½	26½	13⅞
Boulogne and Amiens	20 0 0	20 0 0	7⅜	8¾	9½	5
Northern of France	20 0 0	16 0 0	14½	15⅛	16	11¼
East Indian	20 0 0	9 0 0	11¾	11⅞	12¼	10⅞

Average Price of Meat as sold in Smithfield Market in the Months ending Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1850.—(*Continued from p.* 375, vol. xiii.)

[From Returns sent to the Board of Trade.]

Description.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Description.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Description.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	s. d.	*s. d.*	*s. d.*		*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*		*s. d.*	*s. d.*	*s. d.*
Inferior Beasts	2 4	2 8	3 4	Inferior Sheep	3 0	3 2	3 2	Coarse Calves	2 10	3 3	3 4
2nd class	2 10	3 0	3 6	2nd Class	3 4	3 6	3 6	Small Prime Calves	3 6	3 10	3 10
3rd class (Large Prime)	3 4	3 6	3 10	3rd do.	3 8	3 10	3 10	Large Hogs	3 2	3 2	3 4
4th class (Scots)	3 8	3 10	4 0	4th do. (South Down)	3 10	4 0	4 2	Small Neat Porkers	4 0	4 0	4 0
				Lambs	...	...	...				

N.B.—Price of Meat at the rate of 8 lbs. Avoirdupois to the stone, sinking the offal.

CURRENCY.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

An Account, pursuant to the Act of the 7th and 8th Victoria, c. 32, for the Weeks ending on Saturday, the 5th October, the 2nd and 30th November, and the 28th December, 1850.—(*Continued from p.* 376, vol. xiii.)

[From the "London Gazette."]

	Weeks ending,			
	5th Oct., 1850.	2nd Nov., 1850.	30th Nov., 1850.	28th Dec., 1850.
Issue Department.				
	£	£	£	£
Notes issued	29,831,485	29,424,840	29,369,785	28,351,720
Government Debt	11,015,100	11,015,100	11,015,100	11,015,100
Other Securities	2,984,900	2,984,900	2,984,900	2,984,900
Gold Coin and Bullion..	15,611,527	15,379,173	15,324,118	14,300,053
Silver Bullion	219,958	45,667	45,667	51,667
Total	29,831,485	29,424,840	29,369,785	28,351,720
Banking Department.				
Proprietors' Capital....	14,553,000	14,553,000	14,553,000	14,553,000
Rest	3,566,136	3,111,393	3,085,738	3,107,784
Public Deposits	10,652,937	6,594,381	9,398,752	11,022,817
Other Deposits.....	8,899,290	9,932,226	9,789,794	9,147,039
Seven Day and other Bills	1,309,561	1,379,907	1,265,406	1,252,151
Total	38,980,924	35,570,907	38,092,690	39,082,791
Government Securities, including Dead Weight Annuities..	14,443,637	14,228,901	14,228,901	14,233,252
Other Securities	13,389,578	11,038,486	12,461,368	14,459,608
Notes	10,527,035	9,703,145	10,762,335	9,777,970
Gold and Silver Coin ..	620,674	600,375	640,086	611,961
Total	38,980,924	35,570,907	38,092,690	39,082,791

COUNTRY BANKS.

Average Aggregate Amount of Promissory Notes of Country Banks, which have been in Circulation in the United Kingdom, distinguishing the several Banks, or Classes of Banks by which issued in each part of the Kingdom, during the weeks ending 2nd November, 30th November, and 28th December, 1850.—(*Continued from p.* 376, vol. xiii.)

Banks.	2nd November, 1850.	30th November, 1850.	28th December, 1850.
England—Private Banks	3,784,261	3,611,129	3,450,682
Joint Stock Banks	2,894,273	2,789,085	2,685,300
Scotland—Chartered, Private, and Joint Stock Banks.....	3,318,618	3,594,247	3,345,649
Ireland—Bank of Ireland, Private and Joint Stock Banks	4,994,306	4,943,670	4,856,959
Total.....	14,991,458	14,938,131	14,338,590